

As a subscriber to XM Radio, I enjoy both nationally and locally oriented content. I was extremely pleased to find that XM offered local traffic and weather content, which gives me the flexibility to obtain that information when I want, not when the broadcast station makes it available to me. The motives of NAB petition 04-160 and of HR 4026 appear to be entirely motivated by money, not by the desire to improve services to the consumer. I pay for XM's services, and do not expect Congress or the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I listen to. There are many ways for the broadcasters represented by the NAB to compete with XM, ranging from increasing the frequency of their local traffic and weather forecast transmissions to launching digital satellite radio services of their own. There is no justifiable reason to force XM to stop offering these services.

In terms of the need to broadcast emergency information via terrestrial radio, I'm sure that the FCC could develop a strategy in collaboration with XM and other service providers to retransmit that information via satellite, or to provide an indicator to XM listeners via the radio display that they should tune to a local broadcast for emergency information.

I join the multitude of XM subscribers in respectfully urging the FCC to reject NAB's petition.

Thank you for your attention,
--Aaron Newman